IS A DIAMOND KING. MR. CHARLES SONNENBERG AT

THE JEFFERSON. WORKED HERE WHEN A BOY.

A Remarkable and Most Successful Career-What He Thinks of Kruser, Rhodes Barnato, and Jameson-Talks on Politics. the German representatives here they

Hon. Charles Sonnenberg, diamond diversion against Hawail. The German king and magnate of South Africa, and the representative in Parliament of four districts in Cape Colony, is at the Jef-

ferson with his wife. "Truth is stranger than fiction," the adage runs, and certainly nothing could well exceed the romance of the career of this remarkable man. He came to America from Germany when he was fifteen years old, friendless and alone. "Two hours after I landed," he said to a Dispatch reporter last night, "I went lumber business-selling the matches." He spent seven years here, years full of vicissitude, during which he travelled all over the Continent, and wound up his career in this country as a soldier of fortune in the northern army

He served in General Sickles's Brigade and was wounded at the battle of Malvern Hill, July, 1862, after which he was honorably discharged, and left for South



HON. CHARLES SONNENBERG, M. P. Africa, where he established himself as a merchant at Queenstown. He was very successful, and in 1873 he went to the diamond fields, where he carried on the business of a diamond merchant and dis-There, to use a homely but expres phrase, he "struck it rich," and to day he is recognized as one of the and wealthy men of South Africa. of the great

TO RENEW ACQUAINTANCES. The object of Mr. Sonnenberg's visit to this part of the country is to renew his acquaintance with the battle-fields. He has never been to Richmond before, he mays, but he tried hard to get here in '61 and '62.

He left the Cape after the adjournmen of Parliament last June, and since that time he has been travelling in Europe and on the Continent. His peregrination carried him recently to Washington, and he is delighted with the attention and courtesy shown him there, and with the aspect of the city in general, which he does not scruple to say is the finest he has ever seen on this or any other Con-

Vice-President Hobart placed his office Sonnenberg's disposal during his stay in Washington, and gave him a sea on the floor of the Senate, while Mrs Sonnenberg was given the freedom of the distinguished strangers' gallery. Mr. Reed placed his family gallery at the disposal of Mr. Sonnenberg and his friends, and Mr. Porter introduced him to President McKinley, who discussed many important matters with him, and gave him one of his photographs.

ENTHUSIASTIC OVER HIS HOME. Mr. Sonnenberg lives in the District of Vryburg, and he represents this with the districts of Taungs, Kurnman, and Gor-donia, in the Cape Colony Parliament. He speaks in enthusiastic terms of South Africa and its prospects. It is a good field for emigration, he says, and British Bechuanaland is a particularly hunting-ground for the farmer. is very cheap, he says, but so is labo the natives being willing to work for yer, small wages. The diamond-fields are nov controlled by one powerful consolidate company, which is paying a dividend of 40 per cent. The ill-starred Barnato, with Cecil Rhodes, A. Beit, and Fred. Stow, were among the directors. The river diggings, says Mr. Sonnenberg, are still open to the public, where a man has a right to take a claim 30x30 yards, for the nominal sum of 10 shillings a month, which he pays to the government as a

There are many people working in these fliggings now, and though the finds are cattered, they are invariably rich. Mr. nenberg was intimately acquainted with the late Barney Barnato. His suicide, he thinks, was due to an uneasy nacience, "for," he said, "he was no over-scrupulous in his financial dealings and ruined many people, some of whom were his best friends.

GREAT GOLD-FIELDS.

Speaking of the late difficulties in the ansvaal, Mr. Sonnenberg says the goldids in that country are practically inexhaustible, and if once the country is settled, heaps of money will be nade, and the land will be exceedingly prosperous. The disputes between the covertments of the Transvaal and Great Britain as to the rights of the Utilanders, he thinks, may soon be satisfactorily ettled. The Boers, he thinks, are dis-nctly within their rights in refusing inchises and other privileges to the tlanders. President Kruger, he says, is perfectly honest, and is doing nis ut-most to give these men the right to re-side peaceably in his country, and, says Mr. Sonnenberg, "he deserves the great-est credit for ruling the Transvaal in the

He regards the efforts at colonization the part of European governments, her than England, as fairly futile, but ays Britain should have kept Germany ut. English prestige is as great in South Africa, he says, and the loyalty will be maintained. He speaks in highest terms of Sir Alfred Milner, the new Governor of c Cape, and of Mr. Joseph Chamber-ib, who, he says, is undoubtedly one the best Colonial secretaries that Engof the best Colonial

Drawing a comparison between the con-tions in this country and in South fries, Mr. Sonnenhers AFRICA AHEAD OF US. Mr. Sonnenberg declares the

at year, he says, that country will luce 20,000 ounces of gold, and will ort diamonds to the value of £4,000. sterling, besides which there will large exports of wool, mohair, estrich there, sheep and goat skins, and hides. It. Sonnenberg, in speaking of the govthe Sonnenberg, in speaking of the government ownership of railways, says the teem has answered splendidly at the second of the

Shodes, he hesitated, smiled, and "You must excuse me from an-that question. Cape Colony ad-that the encroachment of Dr. On was the most disgraceful inroad

in Chicago, and will visit San Francisco, Buffalo, and other cities before returning to England. He will be back in Cape. Town when Parliament meets in May

GERMANY AND HAWAIL.

Country Hidiculed.

WASHINGTON, December 20.-The as-

laughed heartily at the idea of a German

fleet will go to China via the Suez Canal,

Germany, the United States, and Great

Britain are parties to an arrangement

for the government of Samoa, and al-

though the plan has not proved satisfac-

tory, there has been no recent friction,

and at no time a condition which would

Germany has taken no interest in the

annexation of Hawali to the United

States, and her only interests there are

those of 1,400 German citizens, who form

a considerable part of the wealthy sugar-

FEDERATION OF LABOR,

Postal Savings Banks Favored-

NASHVILLE, TENN., December 20.

When the American Federation of Labor

met to-day, a resolution relative to legis-

lation on the postal savings-bank system

was laid before the convention by the

gress, favoring the establishment of pos-

tal savings banks, with the clause rela-

tive to the national banks stricken out. The resolution was adopted. A resolution expressing approval of the

national movement for the purification of primary elections was adopted.

A strong discussion over a resolution reported fewership by

reported favorably by the committee en-

dorsing independent political action, and declaring against injunction, was partici-

people of the country, and perpetuate its

tution of national bank-notes in their stead, and thus fasten the national bank

THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT.

Propositon to Vote No Confidence In

New Government Rejected.

ROME, December 20 .- In the Chamber

of Deputies to-day the Marquis Di

Rudini announced the formation of the

new Cabinet, and in the Senate the ses-

sion was opened. The vote will be taken

Signor Colombo, former Minister of the

Treasury, submitted a resolution of want of confidence in the new government,

but the Chamber rejected it by a vote of

obtained by the government is regarded

as equivalent to a defeat. The Ministers had expected a majority of quite fifty. It is understood, that, though disappointed, the Premier, the Marquis Di Rudini,

will not resign; but it is said that the Minister of Foreign Affairs will tender

SORROW FOR RUIZ.

Sensational Bull-Fight, With Girl

HABANA, December 20.-The local

newspapers comment to-day upon the

death of Lieutenant-Colonel Ruiz, their

sorrowful utterances reflecting the senti-

El Diario de la Marina recalls the fac-

the rebels resorted to the same methods a few days before the peace of San Juan,

La Lucha says the fate of Rulz was a

misfortune due to haste.

The Official Gazette has at last pub-

lished the autonomy decrees.

A largely attended mass-meeting of

A largely attended mass-meeting of Conservatives, with delegates from various parts of the Island, was held this evening, convened by a circular issued by the Marquis de Apezteguia, leader of the Spanish Conservative party. The circular said the Conservatives expect

and demand only justice from the gov-

Yesterday, at Regla, a suburb of Ha-

bana, on the opposite side of the bay, there was a sensational bull-fight, in

tered the bull-ring and killed the bulls,

RUIZ'S DEATH CONFIRMED.

Official dispatches from Habana con-

firm the report of the execution of Lieu-

MR. AND MRS. BRYAN IN MEXICO.

No Truth in Report That Former

Attended Bull-Fight. MEXICO CITY, December 20,-Presi

dent Hampson, of the Mexico, Cuerne vaca and Pacific railroad, with a small

party, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bryan

to Cuernevaca to-day. The party were

greatly pleased with the magnificent view

apartments of the American Club to-night to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, and there was a large attendance of ladies and

gentlemen.
There is absolutely no truth in the state-

ment that Mr. Bryan attended Sunday's

COAL CONVENTION TO-DAY. It Looks as if It Would Fail to Fix

the Rate.

PITTSBURG, PA., December 20.-The

coal operators and miners held separate

conventions to-day, preliminary to the

joint convention to be held to-morrow

for the purpose of fixing the mining rate

for 1898. Both conventions were largely attended, and the important questions

which are to come up to-morrow were thoroughly discussed. Judging from the results of to-day's work, it would appear

that to-morrow's convention will not fix the rate, and another general strike is

one of the possibilities.

of the mountain range.

A reception was given at the hands

Valley of Mexico from the summit

regular professionals. They were

which girl bull-fighters from Spain

greatly applauded.

make submission.

bull-figat.

circular said the Conservatives

that at the end of the ten-years'

ment of the general public.

Bull-Fighters.

debate in the Chamber of Deputies

The small majority

to-morrow.

200 to 184.

occupied five hours.

his resignation.

for years upon the America

disastrous effect in every form.

paper money, with a view to the

The resolu-

Committee on Resolutions. The re-

Gage's Financial Bill Condemned.

call for a naval demonstration,

planting community.

and its destination is Kiao-Chau bay,

TEDDY'S THANKSGIVING.

(For the Dispatch.) Nurse had gone downstairs to fetch

Report of Intended Menace to This something she required from the kitchen. Michael, aged 5, kept in for a slight cold ertion that the German fleet, under and left alone in the silence and solitude Prince Henry, will go to Samoa and of the nursery, found himself face to face Hawaii, thus creating a menacing situawith his great temptation. tion for the United States, is ridiculed He went to the window and, carefully in all official quarters here. When the reports were called to the attention of

raising the sash, pulled at a string that was fastened to the woodwork. Immediately there floated into view a large gas balloon, lighter than air and glittering incandescent in the sunshine, like a gigantic soap-bubble. Michael drew the beautiful, fragile thing to a level with his curiy head, and, reaching out of the window, caught it carefully in both hands. It was then that his temptation took him by the throat; an odd temptation truly, but to each man his own difficulties. Nature stores no color like that celestial blue, and Michael was cursed with the soul of an artist. His own air balloon, wrecked last night on the thorns of a leafless rosebush, had been magenta in hue-a dull, ugly magenta, wholly unsatisfying; he longed consumedly for the delicate, dainty toy, which, alas! belonged to the Baby, and never, never might be his. The Baby was entirely unappreciative; Michael dimly felt it a sacruege that she should possess this fairy thing lars. to whose attractions she remained so totally indifferent; he hugged it closely, yet carefully, to his heart, and, with touch and sight, the craze for beauty laid hold upon him. During a brief five minutes he forgot everything save the joy of possession, and then, in dismay, he realized that, while reckoning with the Baby, he must also reckon with his brother Teddy. For Teddy, returning from school for the Thanksgiving holidays the day before, had bought in generous mood for each of the children a coair balloon. He had extracted lored from Aubrey half payment for the same, explaining that such gifts ought to come from both brothers; that he had expendupon them more than he expected, declaring against injunction, was partici-pated in by Mr. McGuire, the author of the resolution, and Messrs. Kreft, Yar-nell, and Brennock, and after the de-feat of an amendment offered by Mr. Kreft the resolution was adopted. The resolution in reference to the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 was taken up, and as a substitute the following was adopted: and that in the delight of the little one; might well be found an ample reward. As indeed would doubtless have been the case had not all the balloons collapsed during their first rapture of enchantment adopted:

"Resolved, That we declare ourselves most positively against the Gage financial bill recently introduced in Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury. It is a measure that as a law will only the more firmly rivet the gold standard on the sample of the country and paractuate its midsummer.

so that gratitude became merged in te gret and only the Baby remained happy mistress of a sphere intact and exquisite. Teddy, to Michael's annoyance, had in-sisted upon presenting her with the biggest and fairest of his gifts-a balloon whose color rivalled that of the sky at "She's not really a b-baby, you know; she's almost as old as you are and just as fond of blue. B-besides, ladies first," said he, in answer to a timid remonstrance, and Michael, perforce "Resolved, That we pronounce the Gage bill an undisquised effort to retire our greenback currency and all government had been obliged to acquiesce. Nor, at that time, and so long as the magneta balloon remained to him, did he find the the cruel rosethorns, and another day still saw the Baby in full enjoyment of fate became imperious. For, look you, his sister made small use of her opportunities; she did not gloat over her balloon as Michael would

have done, she neglected and forgot it; indeed, there seemed no reason why it should not float, secured by a string, from the nursery window until the end of time. But fortune plays strange pranks, and here was Michael, all alone, with the coveted treasure held in his hands. A wind was blowing; he let the balloon drift away upon a current of air and then coaxed it back again within his grasp. It looked so big, and taut, glistening; the smooth-stretched and with its satiny rib, was infinitely attractive. The more Mic'iael gazed, the more he coveted; it was intolerable to

reflect that such beauty belonged solely

to the unappreciative baby. He had been so absorbed that when close above his head, the big tea-bell clanged a summons, he started nervously. and drew back again into the nursery, arrying sire, and laying his cheek caressingly against it. So, for a moment he stood, and then, with uncertain steps, he walked to the table and rumaged in nurse' work-basket. Afterwards the room was perfectly quiet, and when the others came in presently, Michael was sitting in a corner, with the doll Louisa upon

Ten minutes later Teddy, passing through the yard, lifted his eyes to the nursery window, and saw, dangling above the pavement, a limp, blue bag. sticky and infinitesimal. He pointed it out to Aubrey.
"That's baby's balloon," he said, "What

a pity! I wonder how she b-burst it.' "They're not worth tuying." Aubrey. Let's go up and ask her what she's done to it." They raced up the stairs, and Teddy.

bursting impetuously into the nursery, went over to the window and secured the draggled remains.

"Why," said he, in astonishment,
"there's a pin sticking through it. How
q-queer! Who can have done that, q-queer! Nurse?"

The Baby broke into sudden lamenta-Nurse, who was busy, shook her head impatiently.

they're nasty, polsonous, things. Now, leave off crying, do Miss Baby! Yours lasted longer than any of them, so you've

no call to make a fuss about it."

Teddy turned the corpse of an air balloon over in his fingers. A large, white pin was tangled in the folds, and firm the report of the execution of Lieu-tenant-Colonel Joaquin Ruiz.

The Queen Regent has cabled an ex-pression of sympathy to the family of the deceased officer.

It is alleged that the insurgent chief, as far as possible, to understand the why and wherefore of everything, and often lamented those limitations of Teddy was interested. He always liked. often lamented those limitations of knowledge which appear to hamper even Nester Aranguren, has had seventy in-surgents shot because they offered to

the most intelligent of grown-ups.
"P-pins don't get into things unless
they're put there," he remarked thoughtfully. "Has it been hanging here all the

time, Nurse?"
"Dear me, yes," said Nurse, and no "Dear me, yes." said Nurse, and no-body's been near the place but me and Master Michael. Put the thing down, and get your hands washed for tea. Miss Baby, she's not going to cry any more about it, and the second bell will be ring-ing in a minute."

Teddy glanced 'round, and his eyes fell

upon Michael, sitting very quietly in his

"L-look here, Michael," he said, "d-do you know anything about Baby's air-ball?" He held up the remnant of shrunken skin. It dangled forlornly between his thumb and forefinger. Michael look-ed at Teddy; his heart beat very hard, ed at Teddy; his heart beat very hard, and he gripped Louisa convuisively, so that he must have hurt her. But she was staunch, and uttered no moan, while her owner's plump face remained impassive. He shook his head stiently (a spoken lie was more than he dared commit himself to), and immediately Teddy's volatile attention wandered. He glanced disgustedly at his brother, and, accepting the negation, turned away contemptuously.

"Nursing dolls again," he said to "Nursing dolls again," he said to Aubrey. "I only hope Father won't send him to school with me. The f-tellows'il guy his life out, and I s'pose I'll have to keep on row-rowing about him. Something is got to be done, and you and I must think about it."

must think about it."
He linked his arm through Aubrey's, and the two elder boys went out of the room together. Michael sat on in the corner, with Louisa's face held close

corner, with Louisa's face held close against his heart.

The next few days went heavily. For the first time in his life Michael carried with him the birden of a crime, and, since Teddy's frequent wonderment kept green the memory of his guilt, he found small comfort in the fact that Baby had already forgotten her loss. On his last birthday some one had presented Teddy with a copy of Sherlock Holmes, and since then the Detactive Department possessed

the culprit perpetually on the rack. Had he asked a straight question he could soon have discovered the truth, but such a course would have been beneath the dignity of Sherlock Holmes; it was also beneath the dignity of Teddy. And so, for a few days, in the intervals of cricket and other serious occupations he talked and other serious occupations, he talked constantly of the mysterious occurrence, until his brother grew startled and heavy eyed. It was horrible thus to be confront-ed at every turn by memory and re-morse. Michael became daily more stlent, more nervous, and more attached to his beloved Louisa. She was h. only con solation; where he went she went also, solation; where he went she went also, and, being exceedingly small and collap-sible, she was easily concealed in the pocket of his frock, where, in company with a handkerchief of doubtful freshness, and other varying treasures, she

idways kept her place.

Matters came to a climax on the fourth
lay. Michael's cold was better, but he
seemed so low and out of spiris that Miss
researce. Spalding called him into her presence and ordered him a dose of medicine, Iou she was an imported article, and so ex-pensive that Michael's parents had stipu-lated for English methods in all particu-

"It will do you good," said she; "your liver needs settling."

Michael looked at her piteously. But I don't want my liver settled," said he, "I like it wobbly."

I like it wobbly Remonstrance, however, was useless The draught was administered, and Michael felt the cup of his misfortune full. In the old days medicines were full. In the old days medicines were supposed to act as well on the moral as on the physical organs. Whether this notion be a mere idle superstition, who shall determine? Certain it is that during the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day, as Aubrey and Teddy set side by side under the lengess trees in the orchard. under the leafless trees in the orchard, their younger brother crossed the grass and stood dejectedly before them. His face was flushed and downcast; his curis in disorder. A battered hat, suspended by a piece of frayed elastic, hung over his shoulder; tightly clutched against his side he carried the doll Louisa, and Carohis shoulder; tightly clutched and Caroside he carried the doll Louisa, and Caroside he carried the dolls, seated in a row, their backs against the wall, noticed it with wonder and apprehension. Before them was spread a light repast of currant jelly (beaten with a fork till it had turned white and frothy) and small pearl bisabile and frothy) and small pearl bisabile and frothy) and small pearl bisabile and frothy Teddy showed any particular asconsistement, though each felt instinctively that some portentious revelation was at hand. Aubrey met Caroline's eye with a question in his own, and Teddy, glancing at the towsled figure of his little brother, iaid aside the forked stick on which he had have whittling and demanded immediate. been whittling, and demanded immediate explanation. Then Caroline spoke, and explanation. spoke with an eloquence she could never have commanded on her own account.

Michael, she explained, had confessed to her the destruction of the Baby's balloon remained to him, did he find the matter beyond philosophy; but when his should be made acquainted with his guilt. He was not here to plead justification or excuse, but merely to lay the matter be fore those older and wiser than himself still saw the Baby in full enjoyment of fore those older and wiser than himself, hers, then Michael's resentment against and to abide by their decision. The deed had been one of sudden impulse, and alas! it proved irrevocable; the prison-er had nothing more to add save a plea for lenient judgment, and the hope that he might not be handed over to Nurse's correction. (Nurse, as doubtless the judges were aware, entertained an un-accountable partiality for the baby.) Caroline, as advocate, wished also to observe that the baby did not appear prostrated by her loss, and that Michael had refrain-ed from misleading statements concerning the fate of the air-balloon. When questioned he had merely shaken his head and remained silent. This, she thought, since temptation to enter upon denials must ve been considerable, should be achave been considerable, counted to him for righteousness. Here Caroline, pausing suddenly, dropped at once her forensic style and the hand of

Michael, and threw herself on the grass between the elder boys. "He might have told us awful stories,

Michael stepped forward resolutely, his fat fists, with Louisa held between them, squeezed against his chest. The three under the apple-tree regarded him expectantly. Michael caught his breath little.
"I did it," he said, stumbling over the

words as he spoke, "and I'm werry sorry. It was so blue—and mine had bursted it-self—and—and—I wanted it so much. But it's been heavy on my heart ever since.'
Again there was silence. Michael sniffed desolately in this moment of suspense, desolately in this moment of suspense.

and, since Caroline now sat amongst the
judges, he sorely needed comfort and reassurance. Teddy got up and took him
by the shoulders.

"Now d-don't cry?" he said impressively; "That's the first thing you're to learn,

ly; "That's the first thing you re to."
Michael. D-don't cry, but go away, ar c-come back when you hear me call. Of

Michael glanced into his brother's face, choked a little, recovered himself by an effort, and moved away obediently, trailing one foot behind the other as he went. Caroline looked after him sympathetically "It was brave of him to tell," she said, as the little figure disappeared into the shrubbery. Teddy reflected for a moment. "Y-yes," he said. "I suppose you think "I suppose you think

because he's told he ough: to be let off; but I'd have found out sooner or later. Of c-course I should; Sherlock Holmes always did. Now Aubrey, what's to be to-done about him? We must stop this ry-crying and playing with dolls; he'd a perfect disgrace if Father sent him school, and I suppose one of us'll have o have him some day. I hope it won't

e me!"
"Well," said Aubrey thoughtfully "p'r'aps he won't cry so badly at school, and anyhow he can't take his Louisa with him. I think he's sorry, poor little chap, and the Baby has forgotten all about it." "That doesn't matter," persisted Teddy.

"It was mean of him to prick her balloon, and he's got to be made to understand it. B-besides how can you tell he'd not take that miserable little doll to school? If he did, and our fellows saw it-well, th place'd be too hot to hold him, that's all. It'd be the ruin of him forever." "I guess Louisa wouldn't hold together long at school," said Aubrey, smiling "But he's such a little fellow, Teddy— "Yes, I know, and he's got to be bigge

as quick as he c-can. He's done a sneaky

as quick as he c-can. He's done a sneaky thing about that air-balloon, the sort of thing that at school would get his head well punched for him, and I'm not sure we oughtn't to punch it now." Aubrey was silent. Since the small sinner was no longer here, he began to view the matter in different light. Caroline also said nothing; even to her the enormity of her favorite's offence became only too evident. Teddy cast his cap upon the ground, and thrust his hands deep in the pockets of his knickerbockers. "Now I'll tell you what," said he; "it's ail the fault of these dolls, and girls nonsense. If we can cure him of them we'll make a man of him, and it's g-got to be done, too. Let's tell him he must give up that stupid Louisa, and ther we'll say no more about the air-balloon "Oh! but we can't do that, Teddy,

would break his heart," remonstrate Caroline.
"Better b-break his heart now than Tedlows b-break his head later!" said Teddy doggedly. "It's g-got to be done. I tell you. Caroline. If the boys at Aubrey's school will stand such nonsense. the boys at mine won't and g-goodness knows which father means to send him

"What stuff, Teddy! Of course, we shouldn't stand it either," put in Aubrey, anxious for the dignity of his school-"Very well, then," said Teddy.

for him a delightful fascination. He was determined to find out how and why that balloon, suspended so harmlessly in midair, on an autumn afternoon, had come by its tragic conclusion. Here was material for the exercise of talent, and he examined and cross-examined every member of the household, sifting each bit of fresh evidence with a pertinacity that kept the culprit perpetually on the rack. Had why that leave him Louisa? He does love her so. Teddy shook his head. "Louisa," said he, "is the worst of the lot; the other d-dolls aren't much consequence, but she's awful. No; Louisa must g-go, and then praps he'll stop being such a little ninny It's a dreadful punishment, but it'll be

"Oh! dear me," sighed Caroline, I should have thought the sermon this morning would have softened your heart, Teddy. It will be anything but a Thanksgiving for the child. Who is going to tell him?"

Then Teddy rose to the occasion. "Why, you are?" said he, "That's a girl's place, of course. It's always a wo-man that breaks p-bad news and comforts the s-sorrowful."

'I can't, Teddy; he'll cry so," sald she in dismay.

"Nonsense! If he cries just bring him Run glong and tell him at here to us. once, then you can let us know what ne says. Mind you, Louisa is to go for good and all; if not he c-can't play with the rest of the holidays. I hurry up, there's a good girl. Now, then,

Caroline departed heavily, and the boys were left alone in the sunshine. When, at the end of half an hour, their mes-senger returned, they were absorbed in the study of a popular puzzle. "I have arranged it," announced Caro-ne eagerly. "Michael is quite willing

line eagerly. Please be in the top attle this after-noon at 5 o'clock." "All right," said Teddy, glancing up

from the paper on his knee. "Wh he mean to d-do with her, I wonder "we've settled said Caroline, "we've settled "She paused a moment, and ceply. "He doesn't realize it, that, too.' sighed deeply. "He doesn't realize it, yet, you know," she added, in a quaint reminiscence of Miss Spalding.

The top attic had been, from time im-memorial, an abode for the dolls of the Here, when visiting with her ousehold. mistress, lodged Caroline's stately Ange lina; here, in a corner to themselves lina; here, in a corner to themselves, dwelt those plebeian rag-dolls, the property of the baby; and here, set above them all by the dominance of a powerful personality, reigned Michael's imperious Louisa. The place was not a palace, but, from a doll's point of view, it proved exceedingly comfortable. True, the cellings sloped at an acute angle, and, though there was a grate, no one ever lighted a there was a grate, no one ever lighted a fire in it. But the inhabitants of the top attic seldom wanted to stand upright, and they did not feel the cold. But the inhabitants of the top

was the dolls' Thanksgiving dinner. A portion of this Caroline, as mistress of the ceremonies, handed to each of the guests,

on a tiny wooden platter.

Aubrey and Teddy received each his share in puzzled silence. Obeying Caro line's behest, they had, as the clock struck 5, presented themselves at the door of the top attic accompanied by the nursery children, who clamered vociferously for admittance. But Caroline had proved obdurate, resisting even Teddy's pleading with a sorrowful gravity that silenced ail entreaties.

"This is no place for you little ones," she said conclusively. "You must go back again to your own safe nursery." and, taking a hand of each, she had led them silently down the steep and crooked stairway, and handed them over, tearfu and awestruck, to their proper and

Now, as each person ate his biscuit and current jelly, a curious sense of finality brooded over the company. Caroline appeared so stern that even Teddy was impressed, and stiffed a laugh the moment he felt her eyes upon him, while Aubrey, always quiet, fell naturally into sympathy with his surroundings. Michael sat apart, silent and abstracted, and Louisa, in the midst of the doils, occupied the post of honor. Looking at her casu ally it was difficult to determine whence "He might have told us awful stories, and we'd all have believed him." she observed colloquially. "I don't think he meant any real harm, you know, and Michael isn't like any one else. He's always so—so unexpected." had sprung that ascendency which she plexion of its pristine milk and roses; nor were her narrow eyes and snub nose and seanty hair by any means attractive Her figure was curiously stiff and ungraceful, and one leg had always been considerably shorter than the other, a defect which, strangely enough, she shared with the ill-fated La Valliere, after whom, and in consequence of fancied resemblance. Caroline, during the last summer holidays, had insisted naming her.

Over Michael Louisa retained an unbounded influence; even Caroline some times feared lest she also might fall be neath her supremacy, and Aubrey and Teddy alone remained secure from her subtile enchantments. It had been won derful, a glorious time of mastery, but now the end was at hand. Caroline, as she sipped her current-jelly soup, pondered upon the changes which one short year could thus bring forth, and, glancing from Michael's tear-stained face to the white, blurred countenance of chantress, she felt it time to close the period of suspense. One individuality, and one alone, had proved more power-ful than that of the ill-fated Louisa; this individuality belonged to Teddy, Caroline could trace, in the doll's halfclosed, malignant eyes the hatred and abhorrence with which she regarded him. Lest some evil befall him, Caroline bestirred herself. She rose, and with a sense of final solemnity, addressed the Arbiter of Fate.

"You are determined," she said, "that Michael must part from his favorite! will not relent in consideration of the day?"

Teddy looked up; the platter balanced upon his lap.
"Why, no," he said easily. "He must learn to d-do without dollies now. She an ugly little thing; s-stuff her away in Caroline turned to the miserable

Michael. "From this decision there is no appeal." she announced in a hollow voice (the matter having become tragical, she was

thoroughly enjoying herself). Bid her farewell-and hand me up the matches." Michael, with a strangled gulp, obeyed. and Caroline proceeded to set alight the wood and paper piled within the grate. The boys stared at her in amazen Through the open skylight streamed a flood of sunshine, while, in giddy whiri, a million motes spun through the broad, slanting bars of light. She held match after match beneat the bars, till a long tongue of flame leapt, crackling, up the chimne Teddy caught her by the wrist; a fire is the top attic was an innovation indeed "G-goodness, do you want to roast us? he exclaimed, but Caroline silenced him

"Hush!" she said. "Michael is going "Hush!" she said. "Michael is going to burn Louise de la Vaillere! "To burn her!" echoed Aubrey. "Burn her, Caroline? What for?" Then Micasel came forward, very white and shaken? He carried Loui a, as usual,

by a look.

tucked away under one arm, and he stood before the grate looking hopelessly from his brothers to Caroline, and then again at the dancing flames in the old fire-place. The elder boys waited, impressed in spite of themselves.
"Teddy," began Michael, "Teddy says

I must give up Weezer. And Caroline says Weezer will be so unhappy away from me that she'd better be deaded. from me that she'd better be deaded, and Aubrey doesn't say nothing at all." He bent towards the fire, which crackled to meet him, holding the doil in his outstretched hands. "Oh. Caroline!" he quavered piteously, I can't—I can't." "Very well, then," said Caroline sternly, "you have your choice. You can put her away in a drawer if you please, and they'll forgive you about the air-balloon all the same. That's what you care tor, I suppose. It'll be like an awful dark prison to her, and she'll break her heart, alone there in the cold. If you burn her,

of course she'll go at once to heaven; but what do you care for that? You're too selfish to care, Michael. You don't love her, not really and truly."

"I do, I do," wailed Michael, and with a sudden movement he flung Louisa on to the blazing logs. Then a strange thing occurred. Teddy sprang to his feet, and snatched the doll from the greedy flames. She had known their embrace but the quarter of a second, and her scanty locks had nearly disappeared, and her shabby gown was burning fiercely. With a white face Teddy rolled her against his breast, thereby irrevocably injuring his new winter suit, and burning his hands badly. But what was that when Michael was But what was that when Michael was on his knees, sobbing with joy, Weezer, Weezer!" "oh.

"It was nothing," explained Teddy hair an hour afterwards, as Miss Spaiding swathed his blistered hands in cooling lotions. "I meant all the time to let him have her at the last minute. Governors always pardon criminals Thanks giving Day you know. Caroline was a wicked girl to think of burning the poor little chap's doll, but g-girls are cruel,

Caroline, gazing from Michael's radiant face to Teddy's countenance of severe condemnation, learned and inwardly di-gested the first leason of her dawning

THE COTTON CONVENTION.

That Cotton-Recommendation Growers Everywhere Organize.

MEMPHIS, TENN., December 20 .- The American Cotton-Growers' Protective Association was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning by President Hector D. Lane, of Athens, Ala. Many delegates were present, including prominent planters from Arkansas, Tennessee, Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, and Mississippi.

Immediately after the delegates were called to order President Lane delivered an address, in which he explained that the convention had been called to improve, if possible, the demoralized condition of the cotton industry from the growers' standpoint.

At the night meeting of the cotton convention, the Committee on Resolu-tions presented a report urging the formation of a permanent organization of American cotton-growers. The report was adopted.

A resolution was adopted, suggesting that the farmers in every county in State meet on the first Monday of February, and proceed to organize

The following officers were elected: President, Hector DeLane, of Alabama; Secretary, Richard Cheatham, of Mem-The convention then adjourned, phis. subject to the call of the president.

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL Scathing Denunciation of Federation of Labor.

ST. LOUIS, MO., December first meeting of the National Building Trades' Council was held in this city to-day, and was marked by a scathing deciation of the American Federation of Labor for having passed a resolution during its convention last week in Nashville, Tenn., opposing the formation of the national council

In compliance with the instructions of the Building Trades' Council, of St. Louis and vincity, H. W. Steinbis issued the call which resulted in the meeting to day with the purpose in view of effecting a permanent organization.

There are fifty-four delegates present,

from all parts of the country. Gereral Robert E. Lee.

(Nashville Banner.) The recognition of the greatness of General Robert E. Lee is world-wide, and his character as a man and his abilities as a commander shine out resplendent in the light of impartial history. One of the most notable recent tributes to the memory and life of this distinguished Confederate general is that noid by Dr. E. Barte. most notable recent tributes to the memory and life of this distinguished Confederate general is that paid by Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, president of Brown University, in an address delivered a few days ago in Chicago. In this address President Andrews said he did not discredit the valor and genius of the leaders under whom he had fought, but he gave the Confederate commander credit for masterly ability in the record he had made in the face of killing problems in addition to the ordinary puzzles of one of the severest conflicts in history. We take the following extract from (President Andrews's address:

"General Lee joined the Confederacy because Virginia asked him to. He was a Virginian. The call of Virginia to all of her sons is the voice of law and daty.

because Virginia asked him to to all of her sons is the voice of law and duty. He had the faith of the crusader; his letters would make a guide to holiness. He was always a soldier, never impure in thought or act, never profane or obscene. He did not touch the cup, as did Grant, Hooker, or Phil. Sheridan, and when he lost a fight it was never said of him that the defeat was due to a habit which makes men's heads into muddles. He was never outgeneralled by Grant in all the campaign from Rappahannock to James river; never trapped, and never caught napping. It usually happened that when the men on our side ordered a march at 5 in the morning they never made more than half the distance between the two armies. Lee ind ordered an advance at 4:30.

armies. Lee had ordered an advance at 4:39.

"I fail to find in the books any such masterful generalship as this hero showed, holding that slim, gray line, half starved, with no prospect of additions, and fighting when his army was too hungry to stand, and the rifles were only useful as clubs. His courage was sublime. He was as great as Gustavus Adolphus, or Napoleon, or Wellington, or Von Moltke. His cause was not the Lost Cause so much as is expected. All that was good in his cause has been grafted into our laws and our Constitution. The doctrine of States' rights, as now interpreted by the Supreme Court, is in exact accordance with his claims on the point."

Weyler on McKinley's "Insults."

MADRID, December 20.—The Nacional prints in its issue to-day a double-lended leading editorial article, under the caption "Weyler," to the effect that the principal mission in life of General Weyprincipal mission in life of General Wey-ler at the present moment is to defend the army and his command in Cuba against the "insults" alleged to have been contained in President McKinley's recent message to Congress, and that he will energetically protest to the Minister for War, General Correa, and to the Queen Regent against these "insults," at the same time justifying the acts of the army.

Kassala to Become British.

LONDON, December 20.—Parson Pasha and other officers have arrived at Kassala to arrange to take over the place from the Italians. The troops will not arrive there until Thursday.

The town of Kassala, which, under an agreement between the Italian and British governments, is about to be taken over by the latter in the interest of Egypt, is one of the three keys to the Soudan, the other two being Dongola and Berber. It is an important strategic centre between the river Nile and the Red Sea. German View of Monroe Doctrine.

BERLIN, December 20,—The Nord Deutsche Allegemeine Zeitung, in an-Deutsche Allegemeine Zeitung, in another article on the attitude of non-European powers toward Germany, especially with reference to Halti's action, "under the mistaken idea that she would be supported by America," says:

"The case of Cuba shows how the Monroe doctrine should be met. Everything depends upon whether the application of the doctrine finds itself limited by the right of nations in the form of a line of iron-clads with an armament of guns,"

Maher and Ruhlin May Fight

PITTSBURG, PA., December 20.—Peter Maher's backers have received several re-plies to their challenge to fight any man in the world for the heavy-weight champlonship. Among these was one from Billy Madden, saying he could secure a 10,000 purse for a so at Little Rock in March between Maher and Gus Ruhlin. This will not interefere with the Jackson fight, scheduled for Ean Francisco.

Griffo-Fox Fight a Draw.

NEW YORK, December 29.—At the Greenpoint Athletic Club to-night Black Griffo, of Cincinnati, fought Jack Fox, of New York, to a draw in twenty rounds.

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REWARD FOR ZERTUCHA. He Has Been Appointed Mayor of

HABANA, December 20.-Dr. Zertucha who was the physician of the late Gene ral Antonio Maceo, has been appointed Mayor of Bejucal, this province, Zertucha has belonged in his day to all the political parties in Cuba. At one time he was a bandit in the Vuelta Abajo, and his record was very discreditable. It was quite inexplicable to the friends of General Maceo that he kept the phy sician on his staff for so long a period notwithstanding the warnings

aim. Maceo used to say that Zertucha's fault was his drinking habits, At the time the famous Cuban com killed, mander was charged with leading him and his party into the fatal ambush, but he issued long statement in which he tried to show that Maceo met his death tle in the usual way. Zertucha also bit-

terly assailed the honor of the other Cu leaders. After the killing of Maceo the dishon ored physician was allowed to go free by the Spaniards, and it was said, and generally believed, that his pockets were well lined with Spanish got

WESTERN TURF CONFERENCE.

It Reinstates Pimileo Horsemen and Takes in New Harlem Club.

CINCINNATI, O., December 20,-The Western Turf Congress met here to-day, and remained in executive session till late to-night. The following tracks were represented: New Louisiana Jockey Club, Little Rock, Memphis, Nashville, Kentucky Association, Latonia, Cincinnati Jockey Club, Queen City Jockey Club, St. Louis Fair Association, and Highland

The congress completed the following business: It reinstated the horses, horsemen, and officials that raced at Pimileo the 1st day of this month, in violatio of the Turf Congress rules; it took the new Harlem Jockey Club to full membership, and it changed Rule No. 205 so as to permit cities with 200,000 people to offer \$250 instead of \$300 purses.

THE FUNERAL OF DAUDET.

Emile Zola Hooted-Paris to Have a Daudet Street.

PARIS. December 20 .-- The funeral of Alphonse Daudet, who died suddenly on Thursday evening last, took place today, and was largely attended. Emile Zola, who attended the funeral,

was hooted while on the way to the late residence of M. Daudet, and to the church where the services were held, owing to his support of the efforts made by the friends of Captain Dreyfus to bring about a reopening of his case. municipal authorities of Paris have decided to name a street after Daudet

DR. GRAMMER CALLED.

He Is Asked to Become Rector of Christ Church, Norfolk.

NORFOLK, VA., December 20 .- (Special.)-Rev. Carl E. Grammer, D. D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity at the Alexandria Theological Seminary, has been called by the vestry of Christ Protestant Episcopal church, of this city, to the rectorate of that old and wealthy parish, made vacant last June by the death of the eminent Dr. Otto Sievers Barten. On Sunday, the 26th, a handsome memorial tablet to the late rector will be unveiled, Bishop Randolph preaching the sermon.

FOR NEW CABINET PORTFOLIO.

The Verdict of the Jury Wilful Murder. LONDON, December 20 .- At the inquest to-day over the remains of William Terriss, the actor, the Coroner's jury ren-

dered a verdict of wilful murder.

The Winter Turf. NEW ORLEANS, December 20.—Fair weather; track good. Summaries:
First race—six and a half furlongs—Dudley E. (7 to 19) won, Mr. Hunt (4 to 1 and 30 to 5) second, and Balance All (20 to 1) third. Time, 1:27.
Second race—six furlongs—French Gray (2 to 1) won, Pontet Canet (6 to 1 and 2 to 1) second, and Gypceiver (50 to 1) third. Time, 1:28.
Third race—mile and twenty yards—His

to 1) second, and Gypceiver (5) to 1) third. Time, 1:18.
Third race—mile and twenty yards—His Brother (5 to 1) won, Elkin (4 to 1 and 8 to 5) second, and Jolly Son (8 to 1) third. Time, 1:48.
Fourth race—mile and twenty yards—Mazarine (2 to 1) won. Charina (8 to 1 and 3 to 1) second, and What Next (16 to 1) third. Time, 1:47.
Fifth race—one mile—Viscount (8 to 5) won, Rushfield (3 to 1 and 10 to 1) second, and Miss Young (6 to 1) third. Time, 1:461-4.

Bering-Sea Conference.

Boring-Sea Conference.

BOSTON, December 20,—After a week of conference in Boston, Justicos Putnam and King, the commissioners for the United States and Canada, respectively, in the arbitration of the Bering Sea claims, have completed their work for the present, and, it is understood, will soon begin the preparation of their reports to their respective governments. It is not known what claims have been ruled out, but it is understood that the total approved claims will amount to more than \$1,000,000.

Fight for Durrant Not Given Up.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 20.- The father of Theodore Durrant, the condemned murderer, says: "We have not given up the fight for my son's life. We will try to get a writ of error from the State Supreme Court. If this is denied, we can go to the latter court and make application—that is, if we can raise the money, for this long litigation has impoverished us."

Reduction in Cotton-Mill Wages. MANCHESTER, N. H., December 20.
Notices of a 10 per cent, reduction in wages on January 1st have been posted in the Amory, Stark, and Jefferson cotton-mills, in this city.

The Amoskeag mills, employing 8,700 persons, posted similar notices last week.
The Amory, Stark, and Jefferson mills employ 11,000 operatives.

Curfew Law in Indianapolis. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 20.— The City Council to-night passed a curfew ordinance, prohibiting children under 15 from using the streets after 9 P. M. in the summer and 8 P. M. in the winter. An effort will be made to defeat it on a reconsideration.

France for Bimetallism

PARIS, December 20.—M. Meline, the Premier, said in the Chamber of Deputies to-day that the government was as one with the United States on the question of bimetallism.

NEW YORK, December 20.—The Ward-Line Seguranca, which arrived to-day from Habana, brought 82 bales of leaf tobacco.

Tobacco From Habana.

An Overcont Thief Caught.

George Smith, a negro, was arrested last night and locked up at the Third District Station, charged with stealing an overcoat and a hat from No. 489 north Eleventh street. He broke into the house about 3 o'clock and made good his escape. About an hour afterwards, however, he tried to sell his haul to Mike Rose, who suspected that the goods had been stolen, and called in the police,

Cards, Bill-Heads, Statements, Letter-Glass-Works to Start Up. BRIDGETON, N. J.. December 20.— Fires were put under the furnaces to-day in the Cohansey, Cumberland, and Moore-Jones window-glass factories, near here, and it is said that the works will start up in a week or two, probably on Janu-ary 2d. It is said that 2,000 persons, now idle, will be given component. case was demonstrated; he sat down again in his place and relapsed into thoughtful whistling. Caroline waited rated on a friendly State. excitedly. "I s'pose you're right, Teddy,"